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SUBJ: PRC CONSULATE GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN

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1. AFTER HEADLINING ON FEBRUARY 3 A REPORT BY THE
OFFICIAL CHINESE NEWS AGENCY HSINHUA THAT THE NEW
REGIME IN PEKING SUPPORTS US POLICIES FOR STRENGTHENING
THE SECURITY AND FREEDOM OF WEST BERLIN, THE WEST
BERLIN NEWSPAPER ABEND REOPENED LOCAL SPECULATION THAT THE
PRC INTENDS TO OPEN A CONSULATE GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN.
THE PAPER WRITES, HOWEVER, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE CONSULATE GENERAL MUST AWAIT THE RESUMPTION OF
FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC
BECAUSE THE PRC CONSUL GENERAL WOULD BE ACCREDITED
TO THE WESTERN ALLIES.

2. THE ABEND ARTICLE CONTRIBUTED TO A BRIEF FLURRY
OF PRESS SPECULATION ON THE SUBJECT. IN ADDITION,
MISSION OFFICERS HAVE ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY
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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL AND
A RANKING CDU MEMBER OF THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO ASKED WHETHER MISSION KNEW IF THE
PRC HAD FIRM INTENTION TO OPEN A CONSULATE GENERAL
HERE. MISSION OFFICERS REPLIED THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

3. IN REVIEWING FOR OUR OWN INFORMATION QUESTION
OF WHETHER, ABSENT FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRC, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
FOR PRC TO ACCREDIT THE CONSUL GENERAL TO THE US
COMMANDANT, MISSION'S ATTENTION WAS BROUGHT AGAIN
TO REFERENCED AIRGRAM (A). MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING ADVISED WHETHER DEPARTMENT POLICY STATED IN
REFAIR THAT "DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION FROM CHINA-
POLICY PERSPECTIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRC
OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN" CONTINUES TO BE IN FORCE.
MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO
RESPOND TO DIPLOMATIC OR PRESS INQUIRIES ON POINT
WHETHER LACK OF FORMAL US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
PRC WOULD AFFECT ESTABLISHMENT OF PRC MISSION IN
WEST BERLIN.GEORGE

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